ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method is disclosed for coding a structured document, wherein a plurality of codes is generated by use of one or more schemata and/or name spaces. For a schema and/or a name space and/or for a group of schemata and/or name spaces independent codes for the elements defined or declared in the schemata and/or in the groups of schemata and/or name spaces are allocated. For every schema and/or name space an allocation to additional schemata and/or name spaces is carried out. A corresponding coding method, a coding device, a decoding device and a coding/decoding device are also disclosed.